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NEW FACILITIES BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of BSNL to provide new facilities to the consumers of basic phone on the lines of cellular consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is currently providing High speed Internet access to its basic phone subscribers through the Direct Internet Access system (DIAS). Further, projects have been initiated to provide the following new services to its basic phone subscribers through its franchisee (s).

(i) Interactive voice response system based services like Telephone Horoscope, Tele-Astrology, Tele-vaastu, Cricket score, World Cup cricket contests, etc.

(ii) Broadband services like High-speed Internet access, Video-on-demand, Video- broadcast, etc.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.